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us that they wish the paper discontinued.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1875.

UNEXPECTED business called us away  
for a few days. We have left the editorial  
control of the paper during our  
absence with our friend G. T. BRYAN,  
Esq.

The above will indicate that we  
have taken charge of the REPUBLICAN  
this week, and should any change  
appear in this issue it may be attributed  
to that fact. We have nothing  
to claim for the past, nor to promise  
in future, but all we have to say or  
promise so far as we are concerned in  
the management of the REPUBLICAN  
is embodied in this issue. We do  
not enter upon our work with pistols  
and sword drawn, waging war upon  
any one, nor for financial gain or public  
notoriety, but quietly enter the  
editorial sanctum and seat ourselves  
in the editors' easy chair, in peace with  
all mankind, in order merely to ac-  
commodate our friend, and that the  
REPUBLICAN may not cease to make  
its weekly visits to its many readers,  
because of the editors' temporary  
absence on business. And with the  
above salutatory, and bidding the  
many kind friends of the REPUBLICAN  
an affectionate adieu we "step  
down and out," wishing the REPUBLICAN  
and its readers great success  
in future. G. T. BRYAN.

GEN. SPINNER has resigned, and  
now many regrets that he did not hold  
more of his autographs. Never mind,  
friends, a New autograph will do as  
well.

THE Missouri River is now very  
high, and whole farms are fast wash-  
ing away; and it is feared that when  
the June rise comes, still greater de-  
struction will be caused by the tur-  
bulent waters of the big muddy.

THE Centennial celebration on the  
19th inst., at Lexington and Concord,  
of the first battle of the American  
Revolution, were grand affairs, and  
each place was attended by 40,000 or  
50,000 people. President Grant and  
cabinet members of the U. S. Su-  
preme Court, and many other distin-  
guished guests—poets, statesmen,  
scholars, orators and soldiers, were  
present.

THE compromise proposed by Con-  
gressman Wheeler of New York, for  
the settlement of the Louisiana diffi-  
culties that have so long distracted  
that unhappy State, has been accepted  
by both political parties, and peace  
and quiet again blesses Louisiana and  
its future prospects are much bright-  
er and more promising now than for  
a long time past.

A GREAT deal is still being said by  
the Democratic Journals of the coun-  
try, about the third term, but who  
has heard of a Republican paper, or  
even a respectable number of Repub-  
licans advocating it? In our opinion,  
neither President Grant, nor the Re-  
publican party, have any such an idea,  
but it will serve the Democratic party  
for a hobby until the Republicans  
nominate their next candidate for  
President, after which they will be  
compelled to hunt some other topic  
for discussion.

A BEAUTIFUL ALLEGORY.—A  
traveler, who spent some time in Tur-  
key, relates a beautiful parable which  
was told him by a dervish, and which  
seemed ever more beautiful than  
Sterne's celebrated figure of the ac-  
cusing spirit and recording angel;

"Every man," said the dervish, "has  
two angels, one on his right shoulder  
and one on his left. When he does  
anything good, the angel on the right  
shoulder writes it down and seals it,  
because what has been well done is  
done forever. When he does evil, the  
angel on the left writes it down, and  
he waits till midnight. If before that  
time the man bows his head and ex-  
claims: 'Gracious Allah! I have  
sinned, forgive me!' the angel rubs  
out the record; but if not, at midnight  
he seals it, and the beloved angel on  
the right shoulder weeps."

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Mayor—Capt. Wm. Caldwell.  
COUNCILMEN.  
1st Ward—Wm. H. Purviance.  
2nd Ward—August Schuster.  
3rd Ward—Capt. W. D. Clark.  
4th Ward—James Elliott.  
5th Ward—Perry Buis.  
Assessor—Highland Clark.

"Wake up Judge, wake up; there's  
a burglar in the house," said Mrs.  
Portley, in Brooklyn, to her hus-  
band, the other night. The Judge  
rolled out of bed, grasped his revolv-  
er, and opened the door to sally  
forth for the robber. Then turning  
to his wife he said, "Come, Sarah,  
lead the way. It's a d—d mean  
man that will hurt a woman."

The feature most to be regretted in  
the election in Connecticut is the de-  
feat of Gen. Jo. Hawley for Congress.  
It is a loss not only to the party but  
to the whole country. It seems that  
the more honest and fearless a man  
is, the more faithfully he performs  
his duty, the less the country wants  
him. Barnum, the high tariff mono-  
polist and sworn champion of the  
iron ring, went in with an increased  
majority. But then Barnum is all  
right on the "nigger question" and  
that atones for everything else in the  
eyes of the Democracy. The Repub-  
licans gained two State senators and  
ten representatives from last year,  
but lost two congressmen.—Maryville  
Republican.

### Fruit and Tobacco Killed.

OHIO.

Cleveland, April 20.—The cold weather  
of the past few days has done great  
damage to fruit throughout this section.  
Peaches are reported nearly all killed  
and apples suffered considerably.  
Wheat is slightly injured.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, April 20.—Reports to the  
Courier Journal from all parts of the  
State say that great damage is done to  
the fruit and tobacco plants by the un-  
seasonable frost and snow of last week.  
Last season was a very bad one for to-  
bacco growers in Kentucky and much  
destitution has followed in consequence.  
Another bad season, which seems now  
probable, will greatly increase the suffer-  
ing. Other crops, however, seem not  
to have been greatly injured.

## The Clay County Tragedy.

The Horrible Murder of Daniel  
Askew—Full Particulars of  
the Affair.

We copy from the Kansas City News  
of Wednesday, 14th inst., the full partic-  
ulars of the recent fearful tragedy in  
Clay county, as follows:

News reached this city at a late hour  
last night that another tragedy had oc-  
curred in Clay county, near Kearney,  
and that Daniel H. Askew, a neighbor of  
the James boys, had been assassinated  
in his own dooryard by some unknown  
parties, who, as usual, had "mysteriously  
disappeared." Investigation into the  
rumor proved it to be only too true. The  
facts of the affair appear to be substan-  
tially as follows: On Monday evening  
last, while Daniel H. Askew was carry-  
ing a pail of water from a spring near  
the house to the house, and when within  
ten feet of the door, he was ruthlessly  
shot down in cold blood, three death-  
dealing bullets being shot through his  
head and face. The wife was inside the  
door, and hearing the shots, ran imme-  
diately outside, calling for her husband.  
He did not reply, and she could not see  
him—it was about 8 o'clock in the even-  
ing—and she searched for him. Running  
out she stumbled over his body, already  
lifeless, and stooping down to raise him,  
stained her hands with his gore; he did  
not speak nor move, and with a swim-  
ming head and a heart bursting with  
grief, she cried out for assistance. It  
came, the neighbors gathering in, and  
the dead body was carried into the house  
where his wounds were washed, and the  
terrible truth known that he had been  
foully murdered. The heroic woman  
and her three daughters bore up bravely  
under their terrible loss. Search was  
made about the premises for traces of  
the one who had committed the deed,  
without success. No one had been seen,  
no strangers had been lurking about the  
place in the day time, no warning had  
been given, and from all indications the  
assassin had done his cowardly work  
while concealed around the premises.  
The coroner was notified, and when day-  
light came yesterday morning, tracks of  
horses and of a man were found, show-  
ing from which direction the murderer  
or murderers had come.

### EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE SCENE.

This bloody tragedy following up that  
in the family of the James boys, has  
caused intense excitement in the vicinity  
of the assassination, and everybody con-  
nects it with the troubles growing out of  
their acts. The murdered man was an  
old and respected citizen of Clay county,  
and though a union man during the war,  
was universally respected for his upright  
and straightforward character. During  
the war he was in the State Militia, and  
since has been a Radical in politics. His  
farm is within a quarter of a mile of that  
of Mr. Samuels, and after the attack on  
the house of the latter, in which a young  
half brother of the James boys was killed,  
suspicion was entertained by the  
Samuels family and their friends that  
Askew had something to do with the af-  
fair. This suspicion had been confirmed

by the fact that a man by the name of  
Jack Ladd, who had lived with Askew,  
has not been seen since that time, and  
though Askew has not been openly  
charged with complicity with that attack,  
Ladd had been, and Askew was regarded  
with suspicion by the friends of the  
James'. This suspicion is believed to  
have ripened into the crime which is  
here detailed, as is foreshadowed in the  
evidence before the coroner's jury.

### THE REVELATIONS

of this crime are considered startling  
and important, as throwing much light  
upon the situation in Clay county, and  
as showing that the strong arm of the  
law must step in and assert its sway. A  
gentleman who has given the subject  
much attention gives it as his opinion  
that this last development proves con-  
clusively to his mind that neither "Pink-  
erton's detectives" or any outside  
parties had anything to do with the attack  
upon the house of Mr. Samuels, but  
that that affair originated and was per-  
petrated in by men of Clay county only;  
and he regards the killing of Askew as  
an inaugurating an issue between law abid-  
ing and law defying citizens of Clay  
county that must now be definitely set-  
tled in favor of one or the other. The  
killing of Askew has so exasperated his  
friends that the law must step in and do  
its duty or else they will seek their own  
redress in their own way. He regards  
the situation as most critical and as de-  
manding wise and prudent action on  
the part of those who are charged with  
the duty of preserving public order and  
peace.

The inquest was held at Mr. Askew's  
late residence near Kearney yesterday  
afternoon, the deliberation and result of  
which we subjoin:

### THE INQUEST.

Mrs. Askew, wife of the deceased, was  
the first witness sworn. She testified as  
follows: I heard the report of a pistol  
or gun about 7:30 or 8 o'clock last even-  
ing, April 12th; came to the front door  
which being difficult to open, I went  
around and called my husband; received  
no answer; then went outside the  
front gate and found him lying on his  
back, with a bucket of water just north  
of him, and his hat between his feet;  
heard three shots fired; but little time  
between each shot; I then thought he  
was shooting at something, and did not  
feel uneasy until hearing several shots;  
I do not think it was over two minutes  
between the hearing of the shots and  
my arrival at where my husband lay;  
saw no one after I went out; it was  
dark; looked closely, but could not tell  
he was shot, though from feeling that  
his face was washed in; in the forenoon  
he had been working about the house,  
and was plowing in the afternoon about  
one hour before he was shot he was over  
at Mr. Chancellor's; saw no person  
around that evening; had been no stran-  
gers here previous to that time; think  
Mr. Askew had been gone from the  
house about fifteen minutes when I  
heard the firing.

Henry Sears next sworn: Some per-  
son or persons came to my house last  
night about eight o'clock and called  
aloud, "Hallo!" two or three times. I  
went to the door and they said: "We  
have killed Dan Askew to-night, and if  
any one wishes to know who did it say  
the detectives did it." Some name was  
given to the detectives, but do not re-  
member what. They also said: "Tell  
his friends to go and bury the d—d s—n  
of a b—h to-morrow;" and asked, "Will  
you do it?" They then left, yelling at  
the top of their voices. All the reply I  
made to them was when I first went out,  
"Hello yourself!" I did not recognize  
any voice; all that I could discern was  
that there was a man on horseback; I  
could not tell the color of the horses, it  
being too dark and the moon being  
clouded; do not know how many there  
were.

Being recalled the witness testified  
that he thought the party or parties rode  
away in a southerly direction. In the  
morning I noticed tracks; could not dis-  
cern how many; saw tracks of only one  
horse that left the road. Charles Poe  
assisted me in examining the tracks;  
there were no strangers at my house  
that day; do not know why this person  
stopped at my house; never heard any-  
body make any threats against deceased.

The Tribune, of Friday last, published  
at the county seat of Clay county, has  
the following comments on this fearful  
affair:

### ANOTHER MURDER.

It is with regret that we have to an-  
nounce another murder in Clay county.  
On Monday evening about 7 o'clock,  
Mr. Daniel Askew was shot down at  
his residence gate, three miles east of  
Kearney—three bullet holes being put  
through his head. He bore a good  
reputation as being a quiet and indus-  
trious farmer, and it shocks us to think  
of his tragic death. Who committed  
this horrible deed is not known. Some  
charging it on the James boys—others  
on Detectives who made the attack on  
the house of Dr. Samuels and killed his  
son and maimed his wife. But no dif-  
ference who did it, it was a cold-blooded  
and disgraceful murder, and the perpe-  
trators should be ferreted out and pun-  
ished to the full extent of the law. If  
this killing business is not put a stop to,  
our county will be ruined. The Gov-  
ernor, should, like Gen. Jackson, take  
the responsibility, and offer such a re-  
ward for the perpetrators of the deed as  
would be sure to bring them to justice  
—be they who they may. The late  
tragedy at the home of Dr. Samuels,  
was a terrible one, and now right on  
the heels of it, comes the killing of  
Mr. Askew, almost as bad. The mat-  
ter should be stopped some way.

## Tragedy in Hannibal.

A Suicide Committed with Terri-  
ble Earnestness and Deliberation.

From the Hannibal Clipper of Thursday.

This morning about 9 o'clock the  
city was startled by the news that the  
bodies of a woman and child had been  
found in Bear creek, at the foot of Fifth  
street, opposite the Badger State Lum-  
ber yard. The Clipper reporter has-  
tened to the spot and found that the ter-  
rible news was too true, for there, float-  
ing on the water, with the back of the  
head and a portion of the clothing visi-  
ble, was the body of a woman. At the  
edge of the water was a stake driven in  
the ground, to which a cord was attach-  
ed to the corpse, or corpses. A few  
persons by this time had collected at  
the spot, and a short distance back was  
a little boy weeping violently, in com-  
pany with Elder Challenger, of the  
Church, who was endeavoring to con-  
sole him. This little boy, about twelve  
years of age, was named Willie Irwin,  
and it was his mother and only little  
sister, Lottie, about five years of age,  
who were sleeping their last sleep in the  
cold and muddy waters. Willie said  
that his mother, Mrs. E. L. Irwin, left  
home about 7 o'clock last night, and he  
asked his mother where she was going.  
The only answer she made was that she  
would be back soon, requesting him to  
stay at home until she returned. The  
body of the child had not yet been seen,  
but there seemed to be a settled con-  
viction with all present that it had shared  
the fate of the mother. Mrs. Irwin  
or the little girl did not return home  
during the night, and that fact being  
reported to the neighbors, suspicions were  
aroused, and this morning, a few min-  
utes before 9 o'clock, Messrs. T. S. Ha-  
ger and James Munson discovered a  
woman's tracks going to the water at  
this point. They saw the rope attach-  
ed to the stake, which at first appeared  
to them to be a trot line. Taking hold  
of the rope, the body of the woman at  
once floated to the surface.

This morning the following letter, ad-  
dressed to Mrs. C. A. Smith, Sedalia,  
Mo., who is a sister of Mrs. Irwin, by  
whom the letter was written, was found.  
The letter was in pencil mark, and is  
supposed to have been written late yester-  
day evening. At its commencement  
the hand seems to have been firm and  
steady, but at its close the writing indi-  
cated that it trembled violently. The  
letter is as follows:

MY DEAR SISTER—I feel as if I had  
rather die than live. Do not grieve after  
me. What is life when it is a drag like  
mine. Willie thinks he will go to Mr.  
Johnson's to live. I wish you would  
take him. It would be too much ex-  
pense for Mr. Smith to take charge of  
my business, but I want Mr. Smith to  
see that Mr. Johnson does right. If you  
lived here I would rather you would take  
full control of it, and I wish you would,  
if you can. But if you do not want to,  
let Johnson do it; and if you do take  
Willie to live with you, make him learn  
to work. Put him at some trade; also,  
make him mind you and do what is  
right. Oh! do try to make a useful man  
of him. It is an awful thing to think of  
me taking my life, but I have made a  
beggar of myself. Do not grieve after  
me, but forgive me and forget me, for I  
have made a total wreck of myself and  
children. E. L. IRWIN.

P. S.—Carroll, take what few wear-  
ing clothing I have, and take some of  
the bed clothing. If Willie lives with  
you, take all of the bed clothing; any-  
thing you want, take it. My spoons  
are in Willie's trunk; you keep them  
for him. Oh, forgive me—forgive me.  
E. L. IRWIN.

Several hundred persons had now  
gathered at the edge of the water,  
waiting eagerly for further develop-  
ments. Coroner Dick appeared with a  
jury, the rope was drawn in, and then  
the horrible fact was revealed that the  
mother had become executioner of her  
child, for there in her arms, the two  
bodies bound securely together by the  
rope, the cheek of the little girl resting  
on her mother's, were the two bodies,  
purple, swollen and cold in death.

The water here was but little over 4  
feet deep; the binding of the bodies to-  
gether, and attaching the rope to the  
stake, showed a will and deliberateness  
of purpose by the mother, in this des-  
perate deed, truly remarkable.

### THE INQUEST.

The bodies were examined by Drs.  
Lamb and Clayton, and no marks of  
violence found. Mr. Craig was sworn  
and stated as follows:

"Mrs. Irwin came to my house last  
Monday morning. She said while there  
she was in so much trouble, she didn't  
want to live. She said she had thought  
over everything, and had a great mind  
to make away with herself. I thought  
she was one of the best women in Han-  
nibal, and before her trouble I thought  
she was a strong minded woman. Last  
Monday morning she had just received  
a letter from the man she was to have  
married last fall, and this seemed to  
have troubled her more than ever. This  
man lives now near St. Louis.

### THE WOMAN'S HISTORY.

Mrs. Irwin lived on the corner of  
Eighth and Church streets, where she  
had previously kept a boarding house.  
She was about forty years of age. Fif-  
teen years ago she was married to By-  
ron Irwin, and for a time they lived in  
this city, and afterwards went to Moberly,  
Mo., where, three years ago, her  
husband's life was insured, and came  
back to this city. Some time last Sum-

mer, she engaged herself to marry  
Henry Towson, who now lives in Cedar  
City, Callaway county, and for that  
purpose, in November last, went to  
Arkansas, where Towson, then was  
and we are told she found him sick and  
in such circumstances as to render  
marriage impracticable. In about ten  
days she returned to the city, and since  
that time she has been very despondent,  
gloomy at times, and her mind seemed  
unbalanced in a certain measure. The  
fact that she had expended considerable  
money in going to Arkansas, and had  
more or less involved her property  
here, seemed to continually prey upon  
her mind, and to this cause is undoubt-  
edly attributable the taking of her life  
and that of her child. The little girl Lot-  
tie, was about five years of age, and is  
said to have been a bright, intelligent  
child.

Willie, the broken hearted little boy,  
who has been so suddenly, and in such  
a terrible manner, deprived of a moth-  
er and sister, and left alone in the  
world, is kindly taken care of by Elder  
Challenger.

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SAVANNAH, O.

### Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of ad-  
ministration upon the estate of Archibald  
Sexton, deceased, have been granted to the  
undersigned, by the Probate Court of Andrew  
county, bearing date of March 13, 1875. All  
persons having claims against said estate are re-  
quired to exhibit them to me for allowance, with-  
in one year from the date of said letters, or they  
may be precluded from any benefit of such es-  
tate; and if said claims be not exhibited within  
two years from the time of the publication of  
this notice, they will be forever barred.  
FREE SEXTON,  
Administrator.

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